

Biographical Statement: J. Richard Cohen

Richard Cohen is an attorney and the president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization founded in 1971. For more than three decades, the Center has been monitoring, issuing reports about, and training law enforcement officials on far-right extremist activity in the United States. Mr. Cohen has served on the Department of Homeland Security's Countering Violent Extremism Working Group, is a past recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, and has testified on domestic terrorism issues before a number of congressional committees. He also has litigated cases against hate groups and their leaders for the violent actions of their members. Mr. Cohen is a graduate of the Columbia University (B.A.) and the University of Virginia School of Law.